



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Higher than average temperatures.

Spring planting spreads.

Calving at two-thirds mark.

Precipitation through Friday averaged below normal for nearly all of the state. The week brought much warmer daytime temperatures. Daytime highs were mostly in the mid 60's to upper 70's while nighttime temperatures dropped mostly into the upper teens and 20's. A weekend storm brought rain or snow to many areas but amounts were mostly small.

The lack of rain and snow hurt moisture supplies. As of April 9, 44 percent of the State had adequate or surplus topsoil moisture, down 2 points from last week but still 3 points ahead of last year and 1 point ahead of the 2000-2004 average. Irrigation water supplies were adequate in 56 percent of the state, up 6 points from last year.

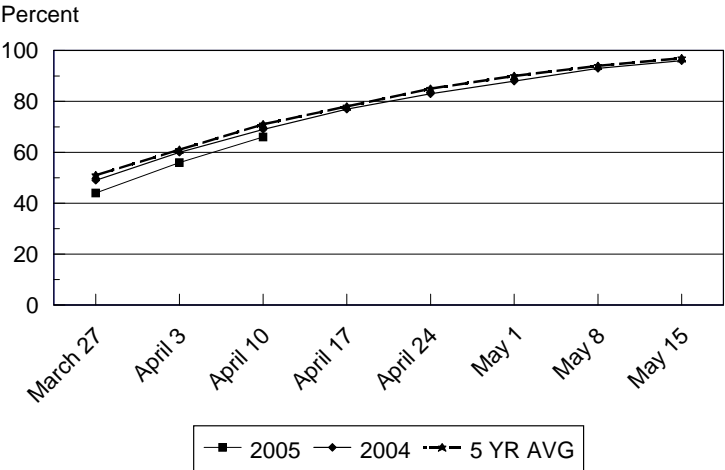
SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

TOPSOIL	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Short	24	23	17	12
Short	32	31	42	45
Adeq	42	42	39	41
Surp	2	4	2	2

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

ITEM	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Pltd	58	51	65	50
Barley Emgd	2	0	15	9
Oats Pltd	21	10	27	12
Spring Wheat Pltd	14	10	23	14
Sugarbeets Pltd	10	1	9	15

Calves Born



FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 4 days were suitable for field work during the week. Small grain planting continued and sugarbeet planting spread. Barley planting, at 58 percent, was 7 points behind last year but 8 points ahead of average. Barley started to emerge in a few areas and was, at 2 percent. The oats crop was 21 percent planted down 6 points from last year but 9 points ahead of the average pace. Spring wheat planting was at 14 percent, 9 points behind last year and even with the average pace. Sugarbeets planting began across the Northwest and was 10 percent complete statewide.

Winter wheat condition continued to slip from lack of moisture, but conditions remained much better than last year. Forty-five percent of the crop was in good condition. Last year at this time, only 9 percent of the crop was in good condition. About half of the winter wheat crop had no wind damage, and about two-thirds had no freeze damage.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

ITEM	V POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL
	Percent				
Winter Wht	2	15	38	45	0

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	66	56	69	71
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	75	63	74	74
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	75	67	75	73
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	16	12	14	17
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	37	27	42	37

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Range and pasture conditions were rated good or excellent in 16 percent of the State, down 8 points from last week, 7 points from last year, and 3 points from the 5-year average. Sixty-six percent of spring calves were born, 3 points behind last year and 5 points behind average. Farm flock lambing was at 75 percent, 1 point ahead of last year and average. Three-fourths of the farm flock was shorn, even with last year and 2 points ahead of average. Range sheep lambing and shearing were near average pace. Grazing prospects were rated about one-fourth good with 60 percent rated poor to very poor.

Calf and lamb losses were light to normal in most of the state.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	Percent			
Very Poor	44	44	7	13
Poor	17	16	17	22
Fair	23	16	53	46
Good	13	20	23	18
Excellent	3	4	0	1

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, April 8, temperatures were above normal. Temperatures ranged from 0.7 degrees above normal in Afton to 11.8 degrees above normal in Redbird. The low temperature for the week was recorded in Afton at 15 degrees, and the high temperature was 78 at Greybull. Precipitation was below normal almost everywhere. The most precipitation fell in Kaycee with 0.85 inches and Deaver with 0.65 inches. Nearly all stations continue to be below normal for the year. A weekend storm brought rain or snow to many areas along with colder temperatures.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 8, 2005

TEMPERATURE			PRECIPITATION						
	:	:	:	:	:	:	CUMULATIVE	1/	
	:	:	:	:	:	:	-----		
	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	
	:	:	:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/05	THRU	DEP.
	:	:	:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR	FROM
STATION	MAX	MIN	NORM	WEEK	NORM	NORM	DATE	WEEK	NORM

SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Jackson	63	21	3.0	0.25	-0.01	2.71	3.98	-1.27	
Afton	54	15	0.7	0.18	-0.16	4.15	4.56	-0.41	
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE									
Uinta County AP	64	19	3.2	0.06	-0.17	1.45	2.51	-1.06	
Big Piney AP	60	20	6.5	0.33	0.18	2.51	1.32	1.19	
Rock Springs AP	64	23	4.9	0.15	-0.06	1.57	2.13	-0.56	
BIG HORN DRAINAGE									
Cody	74	34	8.8	0.05	-0.14	0.77	1.48	-0.71	
Deaver	77	25	6.2	0.65	0.60	1.52	0.54	0.98	
Greybull AP	78	28	6.5	T	-0.11	0.21	1.20	-0.99	
Powell Field St	76	28	7.8	0.01	-0.07	0.37	0.68	-0.31	
Worland FAA AP	77	27	8.1	T	-0.14	0.29	1.09	-0.80	
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE									
Kaycee	75	27	8.0	0.85	0.56	1.55	1.98	-0.43	
Sheridan WSO AP	72	25	9.7	0.00	-0.31	1.90	2.71	-0.81	
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE									
Sundance	72	27	7.7	0.01	-0.38	1.01	2.92	-1.91	
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE									
Newcastle	77	29	9.7	0.09	-0.19	1.52	2.20	-0.68	
Redbird	80	28	11.8	0.21	-0.13	1.14	1.99	-0.85	
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Archer	71	23	6.4	0.05	-0.24	1.59	2.40	-0.81	
Casper AP	74	23	8.9	0.00	-0.30	1.05	2.49	-1.44	
Cheyenne AP	67	29	9.6	0.01	-0.27	0.85	2.33	-1.48	
Chugwater	71	17	5.9	0.12	-0.15	1.34	2.55	-1.21	
Douglas AP	77	24	9.8	T	-0.29	0.91	2.10	-1.19	
Torrington AP	77	30	9.3	0.28	0.00	0.70	1.84	-1.14	
Wheatland 4 N	77	24	7.4	T	-0.23	0.59	1.48	-0.89	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	73	27	9.4	T	-0.42	1.87	2.80	-0.93	
Riverton AP	72	28	7.8	T	-0.18	0.65	1.21	-0.56	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	67	18	8.9	T	-0.21	0.86	1.94	-1.08	
Rawlins AP	67	23	7.4	T	-0.21	1.29	2.00	-0.71	
Saratoga	67	26	9.0	0.07	-0.13	1.81	1.93	-0.12	

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